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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 08282

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORS, IR  
SUBJ: DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUE; GOI TO REVIEW SITUATION  
OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

SUMMARY: OVER PAST THREE DAYS DEMONSTRATIONS TOOK PLACE IN  
TABRIZ, QOM AND TEHRAN. MINOR RIOTS HAVE OCCURRED IN OTHER TOWNS.  
CLERGY URGING CALM IN MANY PLACES. NO OVERT ANTI-  
AMERICANISM. GOI WILL RELEASE SOME, REVIEW CASES OF OTHERS  
POLITICAL PRISONERS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN TABRIZ AUG. 28, TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE GATHERED ON FRIDAY  
MOSQUE AND BEGAN TO CHANT "DEATH TO THE SHAH". POLICE MOVED  
INTO THE MOSQUE AND BROKE UP THE DEMONSTRATION AFTER MULLAHS  
FAILED TO CALM DOWN THE CROWD INSIDE AND AROUND THE MOSQUE.  
PRESS REPORTS NOTE THE CONFRONTATION LASTED FOUR HOURS. U.S.  
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CONSUL METRINKO IN TABRIZ REPORTS GOI WAS TAKING VISIBLE  
HARD LINE WITH A MAJOR SHOW OF FORCE. TANK BATTALION HAS  
BEEN ASSIGNED FULL TIME TO THE CITY. THERE WERE NO DEATHS.

3. ON AUG 28 CROWDS DEMONSTRATED OUTSIDE TWO MOSQUES  
NEAR THE TEHRAN BAZAAR WHEN MULLAHS FAILED TO SHOW UP FOR  
SERVICES. CROWDS WERE QUICKLY DISPERSED BY POLICE. PRESS

REPORTS TOTAL OF 27 PEOPLE ARRESTED IN CLASHES IN TEHRAN  
AUG. 28 AND 29.

4. FOUR HOURS OF RIOTING OCCURRED IN QOM BEGINNING  
EVENING OF AUG. 28 AND FINALLY ENDED IN EARLY MORNING  
OF AUG. 29. PRESS REPORTS FIVE ARRESTED. OBSERVERS SAY  
CROWDS HAVE FREQUENTLY TAKEN TO THE STREETS OVER THE PAST  
FEW DAYS DESPITE STATEMENTS FROM RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN QOM  
URGING CALM AND AVOIDANCE OF VIOLENCE.

5. SMALLER RIOTS TAOOK PLACE IN GORGAN, RASHT, FARAJ,  
ARSANJAN, ZANJAN AND SONGHOR OVER PAST FEW DAYS. IN  
RASHT, POLICE ROUNDED UP 80 DEMONSTRATORS. TABRIZ CONSUL  
REPORTS EYE WITNESS OBSERVER STATES 6 WERE KILLED IN  
SONGHOR INCLUDING TWO POLICEMEN.

6. ONLY INCIDENT WITH ANY ANTI-AMERICAN OVERTONES OF  
PAST FEW DAYS WAS BOMB THREAT RECEIVED AT GRUMMAN OFFICES  
IN TEHRAN ABOUT NOON AUG. 29. POLICE RESPONDED IMMEDIATELY  
BUT NO BOMB WAS FOUND. GRUMMAN HAS TWICE BEFORE BEEN  
RECEPIENT OF NOTES OR THREATS OVER PAST EIGHT MONTHS.

7. AFTER CABINET MEETING, PRIME MINISTER SHARIF-EMAMI  
ANNOUNCED GOI WOULD REVIEW CASES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS  
AND AMNESTY THOSE HELD FOR MINOR OFFENSES. IN CASE  
OF MORE SERIOUS OFFENSES HARMFUL TO NATION, GOI WOULD  
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CONSIDER LENIENCY WHERE APPLICABLE UNDER LAW. SHARIF-  
EMAMI STRESSED THAT FREEDOM DID NOT MEAN LICENSE TO  
COMMIT CRIMES.  
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